

on the south side of St. Nicolas' Church. Nigel has generously said that all proceeds from every purchase of this incredibly well researched and comprehensive book about our village are being donated to the church. If you haven't yet purchased a copy, please do think about doing so, and if you already have one, do you know of someone else who you think might enjoy it? - perhaps someone who used to live in Taplow and have now moved away? - maybe a Christmas present?! For buying the book, please contact Nigel on cazanig@aol.com. Thank you.

- ◆ **Oasis:** If you missed the recent Oasis session at Burnham Abbey, you will be pleased to hear that there are other opportunities on their way! On **Thursday, 9th November from 10 am to 1pm**, our Archdeaconry Parish Development Advisor, the Revd. Gill Lovell, will be opening up how we might explore new avenues for expressing our faith experience. Her title for this exploration is: **"Free from – free for"**. [Even if you signed up to come to Gill's original (but postponed) session, please still tell Jo Saunders if you are coming this time].

Then on **Monday, 20th November from 10am to 12.30pm**, Revd. Andrew Allen, priest at St. Mary's Church in Slough and regular leader of Oasis sessions, will help us to get ready for the seasons of Advent and Christmas by leading a quiet morning on: **"Preparing the way"** Please book for either of the sessions by contacting Jo Saunders Tel:01628 663302 or email josau@btinternet.com

- ◆ **A date for your diary:** St Nicolas will host a concert presented by Taplow Girls' Choir (Gillian Dibden), Maidenhead Suzuki Strings (Helen Styles) and Maidenhead Suzuki Flutes (Julia Bentley Dawkes) on Sunday 3rd December at 6.00 pm. Tickets available at the door or at thelittleboxoffice.com/taplowchoirs £10 (£8 students under 16).

Next Week's Services

Open Wednesday (8th November): the church will be open from 12.00 with a service at 12.30 followed by ploughman's lunch and then the church will close at 3.00pm.

12th November: Joint Remembrance Service at St Nicolas starting at 10.15 led by Revd Malcolm White PLEASE NOTE STARTING TIME

Further information on **St Nicolas Church Website:** <http://st-nicolas-taplow.org>

If you need to **contact the Vicar**, you can ring her on 01628 661182 or email her: janecresswell523@gmail.com

Notices in the Pew Leaflet: If you have a notice or news for the **Pew Leaflet**, please email it to **Jim Oliver** (oliverjim1@sky.com) by the end of the Wednesday preceding the Sunday date you want it in. This leaflet is on the website from the Friday preceding each Sunday.

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| | <p>St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common</p> <p>St Nicolas' Church, Taplow</p> <p>All Saints</p> <p>5th November, 2017</p> | |
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Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

Welcome to this Holy Communion Service led by Rev'd Joseph Fernandez who is a 3rd year curate at Wraysbury and is looking after us while our Vicar, Jane is away having an operation on her foot. At St Nicolas, there will be a Sunday school in the choir vestry from after the first hymn.

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 *The Multitude from Every Nation*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in

white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Anthem: *Heaven resounds with songs of Saints rejoicing*
Tomas de Victoria

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things, may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Cleaning our Church:** For many years, Roger Askew has quietly and efficiently organised volunteers to clean our church each week. We are often complimented on our clean church which is an encouragement for many people as it shows we care for our beautiful church, Roger is no longer in a position to organise the rota and be part of the cleaning team and we thank him for all he has done over the years to mobilise us in keeping our church clean. This is a good opportunity to also thank all those on the rota for the excellent work they do. **But now we are seeking a volunteer to organise our church cleaning rota from the start of 2018.** You don't have to do all the cleaning; we are just seeking help drawing up the rota itself. We are also seeking new volunteers to join the cleaning rota. If you feel you can help in any way, please make contact with Phil or Judy.
- ◆ **Our Stewardship Campaign:** If you haven't received the Stewardship Campaign leaflet and Commitment form yet, please do collect one from the back of church. Our Campaign is ongoing and we still need further work to reach our targets. Thank you.
- ◆ **Operation Christmas Child:** once again, Julia is organising this for us so we can begin to think about what we can put in our shoe boxes this year. Leaflets and boxes will be available at the back of the church and this year's date for collection will be **Sunday, 19th November**. You are warmly invited to participate.
- ◆ **"Taplow Moments: A Unique History":** We have recently received a kind donation from Nigel Smales from the sales of his wonderful book '*Taplow Moments*' which will go towards the eventual work